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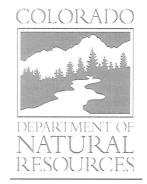
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January 31, 2012

Gwyn M. Jarrett, PMP Project Manager/Plan Formulator CENWO-PM-AA 1616 Capitol Ave Omaha, NE 68102

Dear Ms. Jarrett.



John W. Hickenlooper Governor

Mike King Executive Director

The Colorado Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is pleased to submit this letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to formally confirm our interest in reallocation of existing storage space in Chatfield Reservoir.

Pursuant to authorizing language in the 1986 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA Bill), "the project... is modified to authorize the Secretary, upon request of and in coordination with the Colorado Department of Natural Resources and upon the Chief Engineers' finding of feasibility and economic justification, to reassign a portion of the storage space in the Chatfield Lake project..."

As you know, the State's water policy agency within DNR, the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB), contracted with USACE over a decade ago to complete a Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement. We look forward to having USACE release the draft document to the public as soon as possible for review and comment.

Your partnership on this important water supply project is greatly appreciated. We also urge your continued diligence in protecting and mitigating the important recreation and wildlife assets in and around the reservoir. Please do not hesitate to contact my staff member, Becky Mitchell, at (303) 866-3311 if you have any questions about this request.

Sincerely,

Mike King

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## **Colorado Water Conservation Board Department of Natural Resources**

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John W. Hickenlooper Governor

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February 10, 2012 Gwyn M. Jarrett, PMP CENWO-PM-AA 1616 Capitol Ave Omaha, NE 68102

Dear Ms. Jarrett,

On behalf of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources (CDNR), the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) is the formal non-Federal sponsor of the Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation project. The CWCB executed a Feasibility Cost Share Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and has been working with a large group of stakeholders to investigate the feasibility for storage reallocation at Chatfield.

CDNR has requested the reallocation project. Proposed implementation will be 100% completed through State and local partner funding, at no cost to the Federal government pursuant to the 1958 Water Supply Act. Implementation work will involve all phases of design and construction such as: 1) on-site and off-site environmental mitigation; 2) modification of impacted recreation facilities; 3) utility relocations; 4) earthwork and shoreline contouring; 5) road, bridge and parking lot construction; 6) demolition, clearing, and grubbing; and 7) vegetation management. All of the identified implementation work is integral to the project.

Feel free to call me at (303) 866-3441 ext. 3208 if you have any questions about this matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Browning, Assistant Director Colorado Water Conservation Board